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N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR FILM FESTIVAL

And the award goes to . . .

The **N.C. Museum of History** in Raleigh announces that it is accepting entries for its inaugural **Longleaf Film Festival** to be held **Saturday, May 2, 2015**. The event will be presented in conjunction with the blockbuster exhibition *Starring North Carolina!*, opening Nov. 15, 2014. The exhibit, film festival and a film series will be part of a yearlong celebration of the Tar Heel State's rich heritage in filmmaking.

Submit Longleaf Film Festival entries online now through **March 1, 2015**, at Withoutabox.com. Alternative methods of submitting entries, submission details and more information about this exciting opportunity are available at LongleafFilmFestival.com.

The film festival will explore historic and contemporary stories from the state, the country, and the world through narrative and documentary movies. All winning entries will be shown at the May 2 event, and prizes will be awarded.

"Museums help tell stories that connect us all, and the North Carolina Museum of History is in a unique position to showcase films from all over," says Sally Bloom, festival co-organizer. "We believe the Longleaf Film Festival will reflect the diversity of talent and imagination in the filmmaking world."

All festival submissions will be eligible for the \$500 Judges' Choice award, and all films made in North Carolina are eligible for the \$500 Made-in-NC award. Each film entered in the middle and high school student category is eligible for the \$500 Best Student-Made Film.

Additional prizes will be awarded in the festival's five main categories for entry:

- Narrative Feature (between 50 and 90 minutes);
- Short Narrative (between 5 and 25 minutes);
- Documentary Feature (between 50 and 90 minutes);
- Documentary Short (between 5 and 25 minutes);
- Middle and High School Student Film (between 5 and 25 minutes).

"We welcome filmmakers and topics from around the world," adds Bloom. "And, of course, we hold near and dear those films with a North Carolina connection."

Exhibit *Starring North Carolina!*

Presented in partnership with the N.C. Film Office, *Starring North Carolina!* will be the first major exhibition about the state's role in the film industry. The approximately 8,000-square-foot exhibit will highlight North Carolina's continuing

presence in the film industry for more than 100 years. Some 3,000 films and television programs have been made in the Tar Heel State.

Using artifacts, images, movie clips and a variety of interactive components, *Starring North Carolina!* will offer a fascinating look at our homegrown movie business. Admission will be charged. As of May 15, exhibit sponsors are Bank of America and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Howard.

Monthly Film Series Starts in September

Kicking off Sept. 12, 2014, a monthly film series at 6 p.m. will feature movies made in North Carolina. Catch one the second Friday of each month through Jan. 8, 2016. Admission is \$5. In Daniels Auditorium, see “Bull Durham,” “Iron Man 3,” “Dirty Dancing,” “The Last of the Mohicans” and more. For a complete movie schedule, go to www.ncmoh-starring.com or www.ncmuseumofhistory.org and click “Upcoming Exhibits,” then “*Starring North Carolina!*” and “Film Series.”

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access www.ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

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FILE Starring NC! Logo: Exhibit logo for *Starring North Carolina!* **Image credit:** N.C. Museum of History

About the N.C. Museum of History

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 300,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

About the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Cultural Resources (NCDCCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state’s cultural resources to build the social, cultural and economic future of North Carolina. Led by Secretary Susan W. Kluttz, NCDCCR’s mission to enrich lives and communities creates opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history and libraries in North Carolina that will spark creativity, stimulate learning, preserve the state’s history and promote the creative economy. NCDCCR was the first state organization in the nation to include all agencies for arts and culture under one umbrella.

Through arts efforts led by the N.C. Arts Council, the N.C. Symphony and the N.C. Museum of Art, NCDCCR offers the opportunity for enriching arts education for young and old alike and economic stimulus engines for our state’s communities. NCDCCR’s Divisions of Archives and Records, State Historic Sites, and State History Museums preserve, document and interpret North Carolina’s rich cultural heritage. NCDCCR’s State Library of North Carolina is the principal library of state government and builds the capacity of all libraries in our state, developing and supporting access to traditional and online collections such as genealogy and resources for the blind and physically handicapped.

NCDCR annually serves more than 19 million people through its 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, the nation's first state-supported symphony orchestra, the State Library, the N.C. Arts Council and the State Archives of North Carolina. NCDCR champions our state's creative industry that accounts for more than 300,000 jobs and generates nearly \$18.5 billion in revenues. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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